

QA-566

R. T. Larrimore Tenant House

Grasonville vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca. 1870

Privately owned

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	R. T. Larrimore Tenant House (preferred)
other	N/A

2. Location

street and number	1201 Perrys Corner Road	<u> </u>	not for publication
city, town	Grasonville	<u>X</u>	vicinity
county	Queen Anne's		

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	George H. Wilson				
street and number	1133 Perry's Corner Road			telephone	(410) 827-8137
city, town	Grasonville	state	MD	zip code	21638

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Queen Anne's County Circuit Court	liber	JFR 8	folio	5
city, town	Centreville	tax map	65	tax parcel	3
				tax ID number	05-019176

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

[illegible]

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent ☒ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The R. T. Larrimore Tenant House, constructed ca. 1870, stands immediately north of Perrys Corner Road, south of Grasonville in Queen Anne's County. It is located at the west end of the Perrys Corner settlement (QA-565). The house faces south onto the road and is located across from the lane that formerly led to Larrimore's cultivated fields.¹ The tenant house stands on a flat, cleared lot with woodlands to the north.

The R. T. Larrimore Tenant House consists of three telescoping blocks: a 2-story, 3-bay block on the west; a 1 ½-story, 2-bay block in the center; and a 1-story, 2-bay block on the east.² The tenant house is constructed of wood frame and has a brick pier foundation with concrete block infill, asbestos siding over wood weatherboard, and an open-eave gable roof covered in asphalt shingle. There are exterior brick chimneys in the west gable end of the 2-story block and the east gable end of the 1 ½-story block. There are two entries on the front (south) façade. The entry in the west bay of the 2-story block consists of a half-glass wood door with a flat surround. The entry in the east bay of the 1-story block consists of a 5-panel wood door with a flat surround. Both have recent concrete stoops. The windows are 2/2 wood double-hung sash with the exception of the half-story, which has 2-light awning windows. The tenant house is deteriorated. North of the tenant house are two small, front-gable sheds with wood siding and standing-seam metal roofs. Access to this property is extremely limited because, although vacant, it is guarded by a pit bull who does not allow close inspection of the buildings.

¹ The lane is now the driveway to Arthur Kudner's Talisman Farm.

² The 1-story east block has a slightly different roof line, indicating that it may be an addition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates ca. 1870 (construction)³ **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1870

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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RESOURCE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

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R. T. Larrimore (1810-ca. 1880) was a Queen Anne's County native and prosperous gentleman farmer. Census listings give the value of his real estate as \$6000 in 1850, \$15,000 in 1860, and \$40,000 in 1870.⁴ Larrimore owned several large properties in the Piney Neck area south of Grasonville. He employed his brother William Larrimore as farm manager. He also owned up to eleven slaves and employed free blacks as domestic and farm workers.⁵ By 1870, Larrimore had moved from Piney Neck to Centreville.⁶ Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's 1877 Map of Queen Anne's County shows him as the owner of a large property immediately west of Centreville with a wharf on Corsica Creek. Larrimore is also listed as a County Commissioner in the Queen Anne's County Directory of 1878.⁷

³ The tenant house appears on Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson's 1877 Map of Queen Anne's County but not on Strong's 1866 Map of Queen Anne's County.

⁴ The family could not be located in the 1880 census, and the 1890 census was burned. Deed references do not go back further than 1906.

⁵ The slaves are listed in the slave schedules for the 1850 and 1860 censuses.

⁶ The 1870 census lists him in Centreville.

⁷ Queen Anne's County, Maryland Directory. <http://www.ls.net/~newriver/md/qa1878.htm>.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson. *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, Maryland*. Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, 1877.

Queen Anne's County Circuit Court. Land Records. ww2.mdlandrec.net.

Queen Anne's County, Maryland Directory (1878). <http://www.ls.net/~newriver/md/qa1878.htm>.

Strong, J. G. *Map of Queen Anne's County, Maryland*. Baltimore, J. G. Strong, 1866.

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. Chesapeake Bay from its Head to Potomac River. No. 135, from Magothy River to Choptank River (1877).

United States Federal Census Manuscripts for 1840 through 1880. www.ancestry.com

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property approximately 0.66 acres

Acreage of historical setting approximately 0.66 acres

Quadrangle name Queenstown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for the R. T. Larrimore Tenant House is a 170-foot square surrounding the house and bounded on the south by Perrys Corner Road. The boundary encompasses approximately 0.66 acres and includes the house and two outbuildings. This constitutes the historic boundary of the tenant house lot.

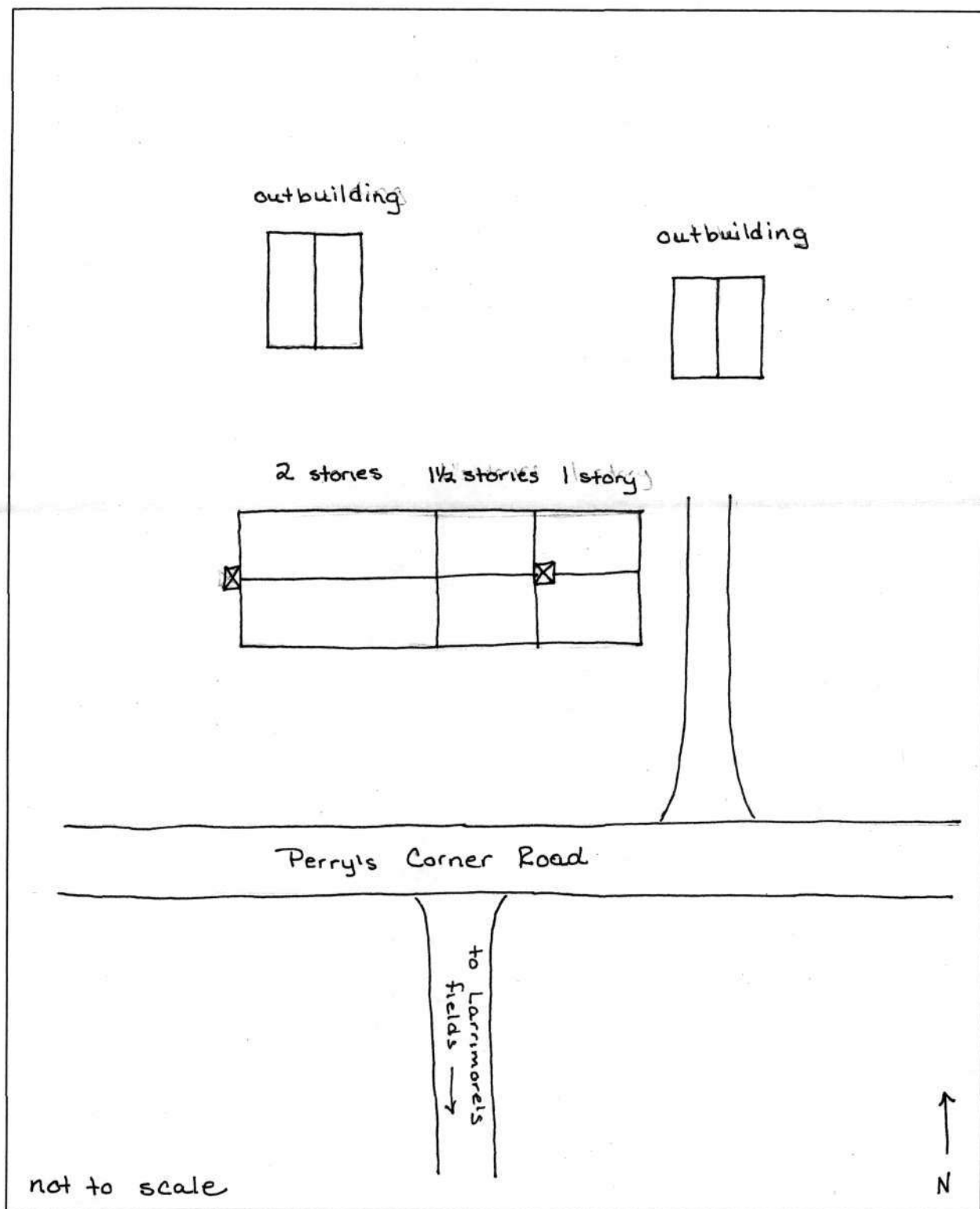
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Julie Darsie		
organization	Betty Bird & Associates LLC	date	October 2005
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city or town	Washington, District of Columbia	state	N/A

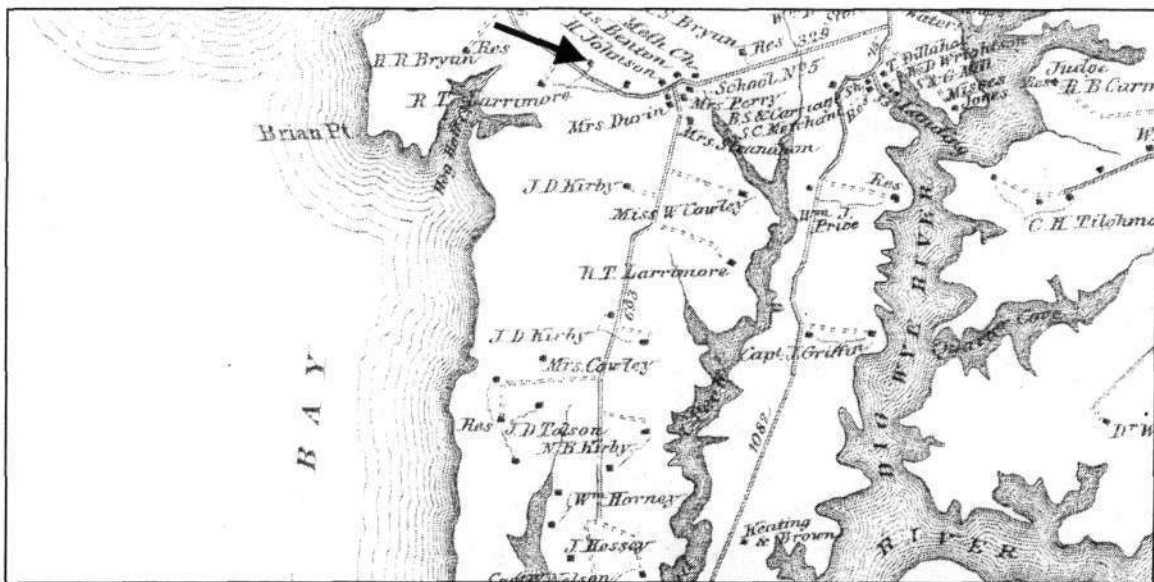
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Site Plan
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R. T. Larrimore Tenant House
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson map, 1877



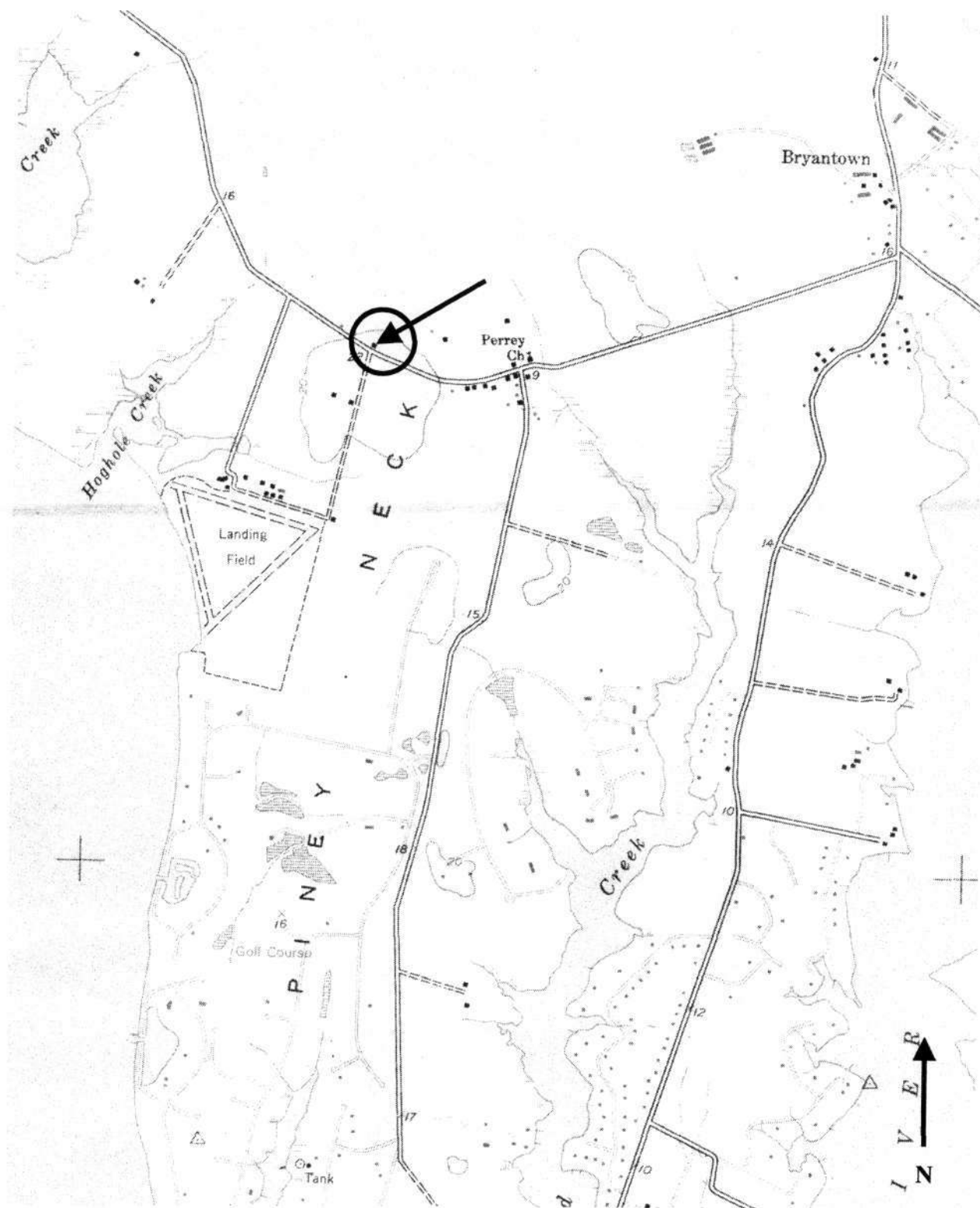
U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey map, 1894

Historic Maps

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Grasonville vicinity, Queen Anne's County
Queenstown, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



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View from SE showing south and east elevations.

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View from SW showing west and south elevations.
Outbuilding visible left of house.

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View from NE showing east and north elevations.
Outbuilding on right.

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